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FOR NEA/RA MONTVILLE

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SUBJ: EXERCISE ZANJEER

1. UNDER CONFIDENTIAL REGISTRY NUMBER 396069 WE HAVE FORWARDED
TO NEA/RA THE OUTLINE PLAN FOR THE CENTO POLITICAL/MILITARY
MAP EXERCISE ZANJEER 79. THE CALENDAR OF EVENTS LEADING UP
TO THIS EXERCISE IS AS FOLLOWS:

JUNE 15: SUBMISSION OF ANY "MAJOR OPPOSITION" TO THE OUTLINE
PLAN.

JULY 17-19: PRELIMINARY PLANNING CONFERENCE IN ANKARA
TO FINALIZE THE OUTLINE PLAN. (U.S. REP WILL BE A MILITARY
OFFICER FROM EUCOM IN COORDINATION WITH EMBASSY CENTO AFFAIRS
OFFICER SMITH).

JANUARY 8-12, 1979: PLANNING CONFERENCE IN LONDON TO
WRITE AND PUBLISH THE EXERCISE. (CENTO MEMBER NATIONS ARE
REQUESTED TO FIELD A DIPLOMATIC OFFICER TO PROVIDE
POLITICAL INPUT.)

AUGUST 6-16, 1979: THE EXERCISE. (CENTO MEMBER NATIONS
ARE REQUESTED TO ASSIGN A "SENIOR" POLITICAL OFFICER TO
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PARTICIPATE IN THE EXERCISE.)

2. WE HAVE REVIEWED THE OUTLINE FOR ZANJEER AND BELIEVE THAT
IT IS AN ACCEPTABLE FORMAT. WE NOTED ONLY THAT ZANJEER
CONTAINS A CENTO STRATEGIC RESERVE FOR WHICH THERE ARE NO
CURRENT CENTO PLANS. WE SUGGEST THAT JCS MAY WISH TO REVIEW
THIS CONCEPT.

3. THE BRITISH EMBASSY HAS INQUIRED ABOUT THE NAMES OR LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION OF U.S. POLITICAL REPRESENTATION AT THE PLANNING CONFERENCE AND AT THE EXERCISE ITSELF. WE RECOMMEND THAT EMBASSY CENTO AFFARIS OFFICER RICHARD A. SMITH, JR. REPRESENT THE U.S. AT THE PLANNING CONFERENCE AND THAT DURING THE EXERCISE OUR REPRESENTATION BE AT THE DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OR EMBASSY COUNSELOR LEVEL.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT COMMENT OR INSTRUCTIONS ON THE ZANJEER OUTLINE BEFORE JUNE 15, AUTHORIZATION FOR SMITH TO ATTEND THE FOLLOW UP PLANNING CONFERENCE IN LONDON AND TO TELL THE U.K. THAT A "SENIOR" U.S. POLITICAL OFFICER WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE EXERCISE ITSELF. SPIERS

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